

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

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English Access Microscholarship Program

The English Access Microscholarship Program provides a foundation of English language skills to talented 14- to 18- year-olds from disadvantaged sectors through after-school classes and intensive summer learning activities. The program gives participants English skills that lead to better jobs and educational prospects. Participants also gain the ability to compete for and participate in future exchanges and study in the United States. Since its inception in 2004, approximately 55,000 students in more than 70 countries have participated in the Access program.

The Office of English Language Programs engages English language learners and educators abroad by proposing and monitoring U.S. Embassy-sponsored English language programs, supporting curriculum and materials development projects, facilitating teacher training workshops, and consulting with foreign ministries of education, universities and NGOs. The programs, overseen by Regional English Language Officers abroad and program managers in Washington, foster mutual understanding, strengthen teaching and language skills, develop critical thinking capabilities, and convey balanced and accurate information about the United States.

Materials and *English Teaching Forum*

Over 80 titles of English language materials for teachers and learners are available in multiple formats: print, video, audio, and online. English Teaching Forum, a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal for classroom teachers, has been published since 1962 and has a circulation of over 81,000.

New materials include the innovative *Shaping the Way We Teach English*, a 14-part teacher-training video series we commissioned on current teaching methodologies.

English Language Fellow Program

American English language teaching professionals participate in ten-month exchanges abroad at host country universities, ministries of education, and other institutions. EL Fellows share their expertise, engage with the community, and hone their own teaching skills. On average, 140 EL Fellows take part in the program yearly in over 80 countries.

Regional English Language Officers

English Language Officers (RELOs) advise posts on all aspects of English Language Programming. RELOs consult with host-country ministry, university, and teacher-training officials, visit local schools and institutions, and attend local conferences and seminars in order to help posts implement ECA English Programs in the most effective manner. RELOs also develop, monitor, and fund targeted local programs, support the development of local teachers' organizations and serve as resources to teachers and other education professionals in their region to improve the overall quality of English language instruction.

English Language Specialist/Speaker Program

U.S. academics in Teaching of English as a Foreign Language and applied linguistics support U.S. Embassy short-term (2-4 week) projects abroad. Project topics may include curriculum design and evaluation, teacher training, textbook development, or English for Specific Purposes.

E-Teacher Scholarship Program

Seven distance education courses are conducted by U.S. universities for English language teachers nominated by U.S. embassies. These courses are: Building Teaching Skills through the Interactive Web, Critical Thinking in the EFL Curriculum, English for Specific Purposes (ESP) Best Practices, English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Assessment, Teaching English to Young Learners (TEYL), Methods Course I: Survey of Best Practices in TESOL, and Methods Course II: Developing EFL Literacy through Project-Based Learning.



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- ⊕ South and Central Asia • New Delhi, India; Astana, Kazakhstan
- ⊕ Western Hemisphere • Lima, Peru; Mexico City, Mexico; Santiago, Chile